

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been previously canceled and claim 17 is currently canceled. Claims 11-16, 18 and 19 have been amended and no new claims have been added by way of this response. Thus, claims 11-16 and 18-19 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Rejections Under Section 102:

Claims 11-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b), the Examiner contending that these claims are anticipated by Joshi et al (USPN 4,928,481).

Claim 11:

Applicant's claim 11 recites in part "an open-cooled blade for a gas turbine comprising a root portion and an airfoil portion...."

In contrast, Joshi et al. teaches a **combustion chamber** and is silent as to "an open-cooled **blade** for a gas turbine comprising a **root portion** and an **airfoil portion**..." as required by Applicants claim 11.

Claim 18:

Applicant's claim 18 recites in part, "...a plurality of wall elements, that form a combustion chamber...."

In contrast, Joshi et al teaches a combustion chamber having a **unitary** thermally insulative lining (col. 5 lines 37-54) and is silent as to "**a plurality of wall elements**, that form a combustion chamber" as required by Applicant's claim 18

Claim 19:

Applicant's claim 19 recites in part:

... a **plurality of blades** where each blade comprises ... wherein the **second cavity** is formed by supply passages provided in the outer wall and connected via transverse passages to the through-openings designed as through-bores, **so that the two media cannot be mixed until inside the through-bores.**

In Contrast, Joshi et al. teaches a combustion chamber and not "...a **plurality of blades** where each blade comprises ... a **second cavity so that two media cannot be mixed until inside the through-bores**" as required by claim 19.

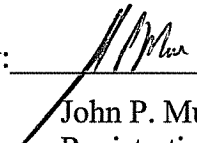
MPEP 2131 requires "TO ANTICIPATE A CLAIM, THE REFERENCE MUST TEACH EVERY ELEMENT OF THE CLAIM." Applicant respectfully submits that Joshi et al. does not anticipate claims 11, 18 or 19. Furthermore, Claims 12-16 which depend on claim 11 are also patentable at least based on their dependence from claim 11 as well as based on their own merits. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the Section 102 rejections.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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